The University of Notre Dame and four partner institutions (Notre Dame Law School Library, Holy Cross College Library, Indiana University South Bend Library, and Valparaiso University Library) have received a $194,000 “Recruiting and Educating Libraries for the 21st Century” grant from IMLS. The grant will help introduce 42 diverse, college-bound graduating seniors from Northern Indiana high schools to the profession of academic librarianship through employment at Notre Dame and its partners as summer student assistants.

The Naval Historical Foundation has received a $25,000 grant from the global consulting firm of Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc. The foundation will administer a preservation grant to identify, document, and preserve materials in the Admiral George Preble collection of the Navy Department Library. Preble served in the Navy from 1835 until his retirement in 1878. He collected valuable Navy-related materials that include early naval registers, naval tracts, and other works.

Albert A. Howard, a cataloger in University of Southern Maine (USM) libraries for the past 34 years, has given USM his collection of rare books dating back to the 16th century. The Albert A. Howard Book History Collection will eventually bring more than 1,200 rare books to USM, as well as an endowment for the collection’s care and expansion. The collection includes a 1553 edition of the first illustrated children’s book; popular poetry collections from the 16th century; and a book on gardening, published in the late 1500s. The first part to be acquired is a collection of 700 to 800 books printed after 1900, including reference books, books on illustration, and other titles from what are considered “fine presses” in the United States. The second portion will be bequeathed to USM upon Howard’s death and includes a collection of 200 titles of early printings, among them Henry VIII’s letter to Martin Luther (1527). Another portion of 200 titles features children’s books.

The extensive records of modernist Brazilian music amassed by Marion Verhaalen, member of the School Sisters of St. Francis of Milwaukee and faculty member of the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, have been acquired by the Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Collection at the University of Texas Libraries. The Marion Verhaalen Collection on Camargo Guarnieri and Twentieth-Century Brazilian Music includes musical scores, LPs, tapes, CDs, correspondence, and notes regarding contemporary Brazilian music, especially of the last three decades. Verhaalen’s collection began in 1969 with her seminal research on the piano music of Camargo Guarnieri (1907–93) and Francisco Mignone (1897–1986), two of Brazil’s leading 20th-century composers.

A collection of presidential campaign memorabilia has been acquired by Regis University Libraries in Denver. Spanning the period from John Adams (an engraving of 1799) to the present, the collection of 4,500 items was donated by Aldo and Peggie Notarianni, along with a sum of $45,000 to construct display cabinets in Regis University’s Dayton Memorial Library. Aldo Notarianni is a retired Colorado attorney and an alumnus (1945) of Regis University. Artifacts represented in the collection include posters, lapel pins, flags, shaving mugs, clocks, crystal and metal trays, watch fobs, beer cans, buttons, ribbons, fans, paperweights, and parade torches. One gem in the collection is the complete edition of the “Dewey Defeats Truman” (1948) issue of the Chicago Tribune.

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